

BEIRUT, LEBANON, MARCH 4-(REUTERS)-THE FORMER MUFTI OF JERUSALEM DENIED HE EVER HAD MET ADOLF EICHMANN OR SEEN THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS WHERE THE EX-NAZI LEADER EXTERMINATED JEWS IN WORLD WAR II. FORMER MUFTI HAJ AMIN AL HUSSEINI MADE THE DENIAL IN A PRESS STATEMENT OBVIOUSLY REPLYING TO A BOOK--"EICHMANN, MINISTER OF DEATH"--BY QUENTIN REYNOLDS.

THE BOOK SAID HAJ AMIN WAS TAKEN BY EICHMANN ON A TOUR OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS "IN ORDER TO SEE HOW JEWS DIED."

Haj Amin said he had been forced to take refuge in Germany during the war because the British wanted to capture him.

He said he opposed racial persecution of all kinds. He added that persecution had served Zionism by exciting world sympathy and enabling the movement to send more immigrants to Palestine.

Answering questions at a press conference Haj Amin said he had heard there was a plan to kidnap him and bring him to trial with other leaders in Israel on charges of participating in the wartime persecution of Jews.

He said Israelis were committing against Palestine Arabs atrocities similar to those perpetrated by the Nazis against the Jews.

The former Mufti, now chairman of the Arab Higher Committee, said his committee would insist on the trial of those responsible, in line with the precedent set at Nuremberg and the forthcoming Eichmann trial.

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